

"One Tale of Successful Grant Writing: From Idea to Funding to Clinical Nursing Research"

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Objectives

- ◆ The participant will be able to describe:
 1. Common elements of a proposal.
 2. Resources.
 3. How to select the right team.
 4. How to avoid the obstacles and continue to be optimistic.

Types of Grants

- ◆ Project: small pilot or preliminary work
- ◆ Career Development: provide mostly salary support (75-100%)
- ◆ <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/bhpr/>
click on "what's new" go to nursing.

Our Story

- ◆ The patient population.
- ◆ The problem that needed focus.
- ◆ Attending relevant conferences.
- ◆ Presenting
- ◆ Doing a QI project.
- ◆ Publishing the results.

Publishing: Benefits

- ◆ Nurses and other professionals read your work.
- ◆ I was invited to be part of a Task Force which was multi-disciplinary and international.
- ◆ STT International Research Congress
- ◆ Patients and their significant others also contacted me.

General Clinical Research Center

- ◆ Offered a \$5000 grant for novice clinical researchers.
- ◆ I applied twice and was turned down twice.
- ◆ Free reviews each time and incorporated the changes each time.

Nursing Research Council

- ◆ Faculty who is our part time Clinical Nurse Researcher continuously looks for grant opportunities.
- ◆ Clinical Librarian sits on the NRC now.
- ◆ Cerner/American Nurses Foundation grant. Short window of time.

Celebration

- ◆ Dr. Lynne Connelly (CNR) looked at the criteria and helped me with the on-line application.
- ◆ Received the \$5000. grant in 2008.
- ◆ Received Human Subjects Approval.
- ◆ Began the study.

Forming a Team

- ◆ How to decide?
- ◆ Crucial members include: Biostatistician, Researcher, and others who will lend support or expertise, don't forget grad students.



Common Elements

- ◆ Title: Main idea
- ◆ Abstract: usually 500 words
- ◆ Goals and Aim: Basic purpose
- ◆ Literature Review
- ◆ Methodology or plan: steps
- ◆ Budget
- ◆ Evaluation or Data Analysis: how will you measure your outcomes?
- ◆ Dissemination Plan: Publications/
Presentations

Resources

- ◆ Look into your own Professional Organization: clinical focus
- ◆ Sigma Theta Tau
- ◆ American Nurses Foundation
- ◆ Librarians want to help you find money

Resources/Mentors

- ◆ ONS: research@ons.org
grantwriting education mentorshp
available.
- ◆ The foundation Center:
<http://www.fdncenter.org>
national nonprofit organization
established in 1956.

Free proposal writing course

◆ <http://fdncenter.org/onlib/shortcourse/prop1html>

Courtesy of The Foundation Center-San Francisco

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Obstacles

- ◆ Does the organization value research?
- ◆ Does your Director understand and value your idea?
- ◆ Educational level: do you need more?
- ◆ Time Management skills and patience are needed.

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Thank you

◆ For coming and for your attention.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

◆ Any comments, questions, stories,
jokes are welcome

